

Hartshorn-dale Shire Meeting: 09-01-2016

Total Attendees: 10

Officer Positions: Seneschal, Secretary, Exchequer, Chamberlain, MOL, Accessibility

Officers Reports

Seneschal: Kathryn Perry

Next meeting is the start of election season. Every year half of our officers are up for election. If you are interested in running for any of the following positions, contact Kathryn.

- Exchequer- Note: Diana is willing to stay on for another term, but, she would LOVE to have a deputy she can train; someone who is willing to take over the office in the future.
- Herald
- Chronicler
- Webminster
- Archery Marshal
- Thrown Weapons Marshal
- MOL
- Chamberlain
- Dance
- Secretary
- Chancellor Minor

An important email was sent to all seneschals. In brief the e-mails said:

1. In terms of contracts, only seneschals should be signing contracts for events or services. Seneschal may appoint event steward as deputy in writing.
2. In terms of contracts calling for something other than the usual surety of a "named insured" insurance policy, the contract must be submitted to the Society Seneschal (V.P. of Operations), Renee (V.P. of Corporate Operations and the President of the SCA. [not a common situation]
3. This is a reminder in view of the theft of golf carts this year... always obtain insurance for all moveable items rented as anything moveable can be stolen; this includes but is not limited to golf carts, rented trailers, rented trucks et al. If it has wheels, ask the renting agency to provide us with the opportunity to seek insurance. Stolen moveable items are not covered by the SCA's insurance and the cost of the stolen item will be the responsibility of the group hosting the event.
4. Equestrian insurance is required if there are any horses present at any event or demo (demonstration); even if it is just one horse for people to view in an enclosed arena.

Tabards: Creating tabards for our champions (existing and future) has been on the agenda for several months. We have not yet found a time to do this.

Silk Banner painting: Currently a date for a workshop is being finalized, and information will be sent out in an e-mail. The likely date is Oct. 22nd at Sarah's house. Una, who has a lot of experience with this art form, is teaching.

We have no events, other than shire wars, scheduled. Should we bid for a kingdom level event next year? Our problem is that we still don't have many good sites. Event ideas were discussed at the meeting and the idea of a Commons (like Bhakail's) was mentioned. People liked that idea. It would be a local event that might draw people from the shire who don't normally come to meetings. Having the event at a park might also draw members of the public. Possible park locations were discussed, and a spring date was suggested, possibly at the end of April or the beginning of May, and possibly on a Sunday to avoid conflicting with other events. This event could also host some of our martial championships. Atila indicated he may be willing to autocrat an event like this.

The idea of having a shire presence at local events/conventions like Philcon and Blob fest was also discussed.

Exchequer: Diana Alene Tregirtse

- Current Account Balance \$5822.93 (this includes Archer's Ford money)
- Working on Monthly Reconciliations & the Third Quarter Report
- Need to do policy review. The idea of using Bhakail's process and adapting it to our needs was discussed, as they have a good process

Dance: Diana Alene Tregirtse

Dance September 2nd , 16th , 23rd;; 30th (fifth Friday Autumn Ball)

No Dance September 9th (site unavailable)

Fencing Marshal: Jenevieve Fiana Spillane

In August, we met on the 1st, 15th, 22nd and the 29th. We did not meet on the 8th.

We collected \$107.00 in donations. A check for that amount has been written.

No incidents to report. We maintain 3 marshals as regular attenders (myself, Attila Soldus (Phil Jones) and James O'Gallegure). Attendance was fair. We had 4 to 10 fencers each week with some visitors.

Several of our regular attenders went to Pennsic. Nothing significant to report. Fencing was limited due to the heat. Our Mascot, Dale (The Jackelope of Hartshorn-Dale) was able to attend Pennsic and had quite an adventure. He obtained his own Pennsic token and some new gear. Thank you to Yvaine D'Acley (Maggie Thorne) for the lovely authentic sword and handmade scabbard! The pictures are posted on His Facebook page ("Dale, The Jackelope of Hartshorn-Dale"). Thanks to all those that escorted him around!

The Hartshorn-dale webpage still needs to be updated. When people email the fencing marshal link/email it still forwards the emails to Lillia. Another email notification/request will go to Andrew.

Shire Wars is coming up in October. Attila Soldus (Phil Jones) is the Fencing Marshal in Charge for the event. Fencing activities will have a Battle of Hastings theme.

Chamberlain: Sarah Le Paylier:

Chamberlain's Report, or, items for discussion.

1. It is possible to insert the images into a Google Sheets. Any objections to creating a Shire Google account to host the document, and sharing the password with select Shire members? If there are objections, what else do you propose?
 - a. The goal is to allow multiple people to update the list, in order to keep it more accurate.
 - b. Or the Chamberlain could act as the contact person, and coordinate the list updates.
 - c. Probably best if not stored on an individual officer's Google account
2. Where is all this stuff? Do we have contact information for Saby, Michael, etc, so I can verify the locations of stuff?
 - a. Do we care about all this stuff? The candles, or the pieces of felt, for example.
3. We haven't used a lot of this stuff in years (at least, I can't remember ever seeing any of it). What can we do to make the stuff useful again? (For example, finding a closer/more convenient place to store the games). Note: Sarah said she only has room to store some of the items at her house.

During the meeting no one objected to inserting images into a Google doc. Everyone agreed that this information should not be stored on an individual officer's account, so a shire account would have to be created. The idea of sharing a link to the doc and making it "view only" was discussed. Only the seneschal and a few other selected people (people approved by officers at a meeting,) would be able to edit the document and have the password to the shire account.

Knight Marshal: Talan: No Report

MOaS: Naomi bat Avraham:

There will be A&S displays and activities at the Wrightstown Village Renaissance Faire demo held by Buckland Cross, if you are interested in helping, please contact the event steward, Aurddelien at

rustic_adornments@yahoo.com. The upcoming River Wars in Iron Bog on Sept. 23-25 will have a wealth of wonderful A&S activities. This year, River Wars will be the location for the EK Metalsmiths Symposium, which is a great collection of glass and metal classes and workshops. In addition, there will also be an artisans' row, baronial championships, and an Athena's Thimble panel. Our own Lady Elizabet Marshall will be paneling for Expert ranking in couching and laidwork. Check out her outstanding embroidery.

Sarah is willing to continue to host A&S nights at her house on the 4th thursday of the month from 7-9. She will send out emails to the shire list about this. The next one will be on Sept. 22nd

Archery Marshal: Naomi bat Avraham:

Archery continues when the weather permitting and I am available. Next week, Aurddelien will be covering practice for me. I did not purchase any arrows at Pennsic, as all the ones I saw were very expensive. Several of our butts have worn out. They were purchased before my time as Archery marshal, but I will look into what it will take to

replace them for next year.

MOL: Attila Soldus: No Report

Web Minister: Andrew Schickard:

Several updates to the shire site were made. The Accessibility porter position was added, If any other position needs updating please let me know. The site has had a quick once over, to cleanup some outdated information.

During the meeting the group also discussed the idea of transferring our existing website to a Wordpress site, which would be more easy to updated and which multiple people could update.

Archer's Ford Report

---Lord Damiano Vitalie della Fonda

I wanted to drop this to you as Hartshorn-Dale's meeting is before our meeting this coming month and I wanted to let you know the plan moving forward, if the Shire is still in existence. Due to re-considerations the person that was interested in being our Chatelain has pulled out of consideration for the position. This means I will be reopening the position for nominations. In addition I am not sure yet if the position of Shire Exchequer will be open or not. I have not had any word from our current Exchequer since my attempt to find out why he did not show up for our July meeting. He has not responded as of yet to my request for a monthly report, though he does have till September 1st to get them in. I have spoken with someone that is interested, and will be talking more about it if the position becomes open.

In talking with other Shire Seneschal's I have found that through some technical issue with Yahoo I'm sure my membership in the Shire Wars group was stopped. It was my understanding as a Seneschal of a participating Shire I should have access to the group and current information. I was informed of a meeting trying to be arranged on the Charter, yet I have no information on this. This meeting wasn't through Yahoo groups, but I'm sure again that it was an oversight. There has been a call within our Shire to re-open discussion on the Shire War bid for this year, and seeing as it seems that this situation has arisen around the same time period, it's curious. If anyone is available to come up on September 7th to speak about the bid it would be greatly appreciated, our meeting will be starting at 7:30 PM at the Mulhenburg Recreation Center. If not I will inform you as soon after the meeting as possible as to the vote's outcome so you can compensate.

This is one of the items on our agenda with us also pursuing the passing of our By-laws. When I first took office in January I had set a drop dead date of September to get our By-laws to this point. We have had them ready, but we held off formal presentation first because of issues before Mudthaw and then later waiting to hear if their would be a change in rules dealing with voting options for Shires.

At the recommendation of the Kingdom Seneschal once we have the By-Laws passed we will be submitting amendments for consideration to clarify the handling of bids from outside groups or groups looking to hold events in our Shire. Also we'll be submitting rules for outside committee and event appointments and further clarifying Officer responsibilities.

The last bit I have on my agenda currently is a request for Talk like a Pirate Day Demo at the Muhlenburg Public Library for September.

Demo's, Events, and Activities:

Shire Wars VI (Oct 14-16)

Please make your reservations. We need the support of our shire in this endeavor. Andrew will be handling the new Shire Wars Kingdom website. Kathryn is in the process of requesting to Kingdom that Andrew have access to the shire wars website. The schedule and other information will be going up on the website and our shire's Facebook page shortly. We are planning some work sessions for making site tokens, banners, and other items. Teachers are needed for A&S. Help is needed for archery, set up and clean up, and other areas. Please volunteer and help make this a successful event.

Kathryn will schedule a shire seneschals meeting at the event (like 4pm on Saturday). She will also schedule a shire wars committee meeting (likely 10am on Sunday).

Since shire wars is not an RP, and thus will not require time for court, Diana asked what people thought of the idea to have feast early so that Bardic could occur after dinner. Everyone liked that idea.

Shire wars intends to do something similar to the Artisan's Progress idea from Artisans Village, and have beads at different areas that attendees can collect.

The idea of ordering glowsticks was discussed for night time marshal activities and to light some of the paths at night.

A few other issues/ideas were also discussed, such as arranging for an accessibility shuttle for the event, as there is not a lot of handicapped parking near some of the buildings, and getting list poles for fencing.

Dining with Lorenzo: Meeting for preparation September 15th for our event with Delaware County Historical Foodways on September 17th at Daniel Boone Homestead (18th century food).

Artisans' Village

Lissa attended a Buckland Cross shire meeting to follow up on discussions that Naomi had with a member of that shire about the possibility that Buckland Cross would be willing to run the event with us, and that they might be able to find a site for the event (our old event site is closing). During the meeting Buckland Cross was very receptive to the idea and they are already thinking about possible sites. If a site is found, Christina Jenevra de Carvalhal from that group would be the autocrat.